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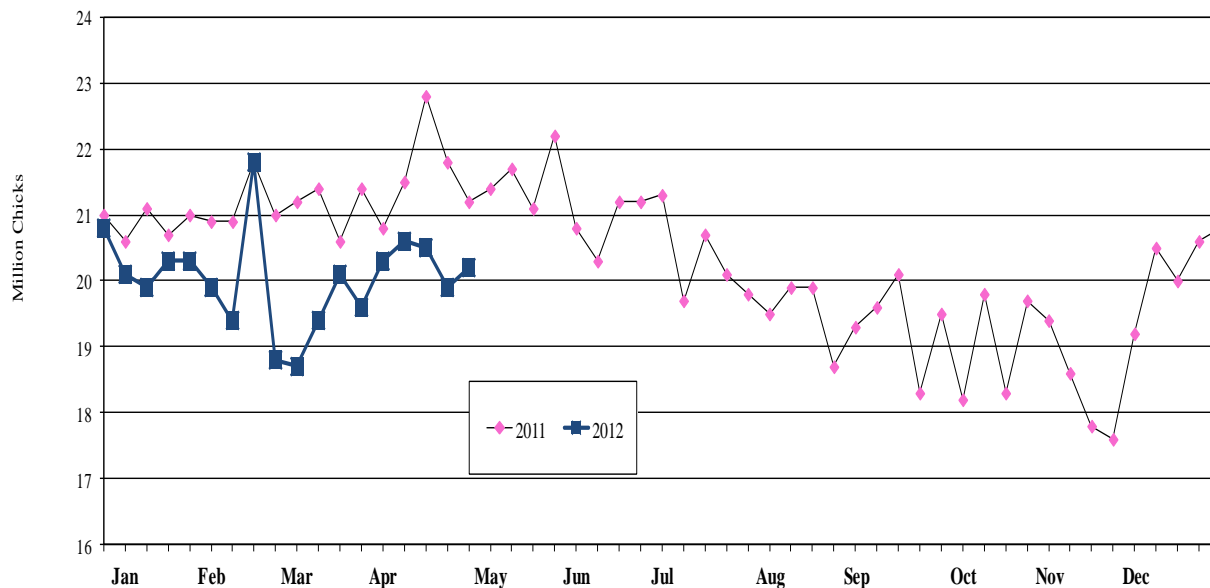
**BROILERS PLACED IN ALABAMA DOWN 4 PERCENT
BROILER EGGS SET DOWN 9 PERCENT**

Placement of broiler chicks in Alabama during the week ending April 28, 2012 was 20.2 million, up 2 percent from the previous week, but down 4 percent from the comparable week last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Alabama Field Office. An estimated 27.2 million broiler type eggs were set by Alabama hatcheries, down 4 percent from the previous week, and down 9 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

Alabama Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Broiler-Type Chicks Placed

	Eggs Set			Chicks Placed		
Week Ended	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.	2011	2012	% of prev. yr.
	Thousands			Thousands		
Mar 24	31,067	28,083	90	21,440	19,610	91
Mar 31	30,239	27,426	91	20,827	20,335	98
Apr 7	29,704	27,990	94	21,456	20,595	96
Apr 14	30,293	27,854	92	22,792	20,546	90
Apr 21	29,958	28,393	95	21,794	19,877	91
Apr 28	29,727	27,188	91	21,156	20,220	96

BROILER CHICKS PLACED IN ALABAMA BY WEEK, 2011-2012



Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	March 24, 2012	March 31, 2012	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012	April 21, 2012	April 28, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	28,083	27,426	27,990	27,854	28,393	27,188
Arkansas	20,771	21,178	21,240	21,233	21,168	21,246
Delaware	3,388	3,517	3,506	3,550	3,622	3,470
Florida	1,348	1,350	1,349	1,352	1,347	1,353
Georgia	31,890	32,796	32,564	32,536	32,274	32,356
Kentucky	7,417	7,822	7,759	7,641	7,358	7,394
Louisiana	3,440	3,500	3,500	3,530	3,530	3,440
Maryland	7,192	7,000	7,128	7,393	7,570	7,628
Mississippi	17,907	17,907	17,878	17,717	18,068	17,689
Missouri	7,657	7,464	7,701	7,686	7,711	7,473
North Carolina	20,031	20,223	20,381	20,556	20,434	20,142
Oklahoma	6,728	6,930	6,910	6,688	6,849	6,970
Pennsylvania	3,771	3,576	3,754	3,753	3,795	3,673
South Carolina	5,448	5,385	5,488	5,364	5,483	5,437
Texas	14,941	14,933	14,972	14,816	14,821	14,560
Virginia	5,950	6,311	6,415	6,166	6,399	6,294
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,526	10,783	10,668	11,554	11,262	10,593
19 State total	196,488	198,101	199,203	199,389	200,084	196,906
Previous year total	209,434	207,520	207,969	208,968	209,132	207,087
Percent of previous year	94	95	96	95	96	95

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2012

State	Week ending					
	March 24, 2012	March 31, 2012	April 7, 2012	April 14, 2012	April 21, 2012	April 28, 2012
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	19,610	20,335	20,595	20,546	19,877	20,220
Arkansas	20,043	20,144	18,964	19,564	20,389	19,093
Delaware	4,043	3,724	4,760	4,647	4,733	4,190
Florida	1,217	1,016	1,233	1,289	1,202	1,250
Georgia	27,284	27,051	27,899	25,950	27,592	27,377
Kentucky	6,594	6,214	5,964	6,097	6,222	6,390
Louisiana	3,032	3,025	3,356	3,040	3,095	3,084
Maryland	5,927	7,020	5,488	5,915	6,244	6,677
Mississippi	15,207	15,136	15,282	15,444	15,418	15,362
Missouri	5,245	5,548	5,413	5,972	4,892	5,921
North Carolina	16,294	17,064	16,334	16,403	16,421	16,157
Oklahoma	4,533	3,959	4,123	3,662	4,238	4,887
Pennsylvania	3,113	3,144	3,103	2,927	2,892	3,134
South Carolina	4,696	4,218	4,096	4,919	4,754	5,350
Texas	12,143	12,524	12,235	12,723	12,612	12,414
Virginia	5,365	4,735	4,592	4,824	4,457	4,906
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,359	10,859	11,778	10,857	11,146	10,559
19 State total	164,705	165,716	165,215	164,779	166,184	166,971
Previous year total	172,880	171,899	172,098	173,110	172,008	172,624
Percent of previous year	95	96	96	95	97	97

Average hatchability for chicks hatched in the 19 selected States during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.